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Application No. 10/660,163

**Amendments to the Claims**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listing of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) A water management and leak detection apparatus for a hot water tanks comprising:

a rigid secondary container to contain a the hot water tank, the rigid secondary container consisting of two halves mated together around the said hot water tank, the secondary container having a check valve for receiving water from outside of the secondary container and a drain for evacuating water from the secondary container;

attachment means to attach the two halves together around the hot water tank;

a water sensor for detecting water inside the secondary container;

a bail pump for pumping water detected by the water sensor inside the secondary container and evacuating the water through the drain; and

shut off means for shutting off a main water valve in response of the water sensor detecting water inside the secondary container, whereby in use, the apparatus detects either water leaks originating from the hot water tank or from flood water originating from outside the water tank to thereby prevent flooding of an area in proximity of the hot water tank

~~access hatches to access heating elements panels;~~

~~a bail pump and a water sensor.~~

2-16. (Cancelled)